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RE: New Chapter 288 freight elevator regulations

Dear owner,

As you may be aware, the Board of Elevator Regulations recently promulgated new regulations relative to freight elevators installed prior to March 28, 1962. Such elevators were previously exempt from regulation by Chapter 288 of the Acts of 1962. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the new regulations (524 CMR 17.41 through 17.50). These regulations became effective on May 18, 2007. Some of the notable provisions include:

- Required registration of freight elevators for granting of exemption under Chapter 288 of the Acts of 1962. A registration form is enclosed with this letter. **Previous letters acknowledging an exemption will cease to be effective on August 1, 2007.** Owners must reapply for exemption for all freight elevators installed prior to March 28, 1962 using the enclosed form. Failure to do so will result in the elevator being inspected pursuant to 524 CMR 17.01 through 17.40.
- Compliance with numerous provisions is not required until July 1, 2011.
- Variances may be granted to any applicant who can demonstrate that compliance with the regulations is over burdensome and that the granting of the variance will not compromise public safety. An application for a variance is enclosed with this letter.
- Training for all individuals who use exempted freight elevators is now mandatory.

Please take a few moments to review the new regulations. All submissions or questions should be directed to:

Board of Elevator Regulations
One Ashburton Place, room 1301
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Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF ELEVATOR REGULATIONS

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